

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Patricia Preikschat et al.  
Serial No.: 09/904,993  
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Title: CHROMIUM(VI)-FREE CONVERSION LAYER AND METHOD  
FOR PRODUCING IT  
Examiner: R. Koehler Art Unit: 1775  
Docket No.: 31716US1

**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following items are being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed April 24, 2002.

1. Petition Under 37 CFR 1.84 to allow color photographs in the application;
2. Amendment in response to the Office action mailed April 24, 2002;
3. One clean copy of a Substitute Specification;
4. One marked-up copy of the Substitute Specification;
5. Corrected copies of drawing figures 5-36 (1 clean, 1 marked-up copy);
6. Color photographs for Figures 1-4; three copies of each are provided, all developed on A4 paper. In addition, a black and white photocopy of each color photograph is enclosed;
7. Appointment of Associate Registered Agent Under Rule 1.34;
8. Supplemental information disclosure statement with 116 references; and
9. Check for \$995 to cover the following fees:
  - i. \$460 for 3-month extension of time;
  - ii. \$225 for 25 extra claims;
  - iii. \$130 for petition to accept color drawings; and
  - iv. \$180 for submitting an IDS after mailing of first Office action.

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